

December 9, 2020

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Twombly, Hoadley, Homan, Shelley, and Wedemeyer joined via conference call. Also present: Mandy Berg, Nick Kauffman, and Jeff Vandewater. All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

Due to heightened public health risk from the coronavirus outbreak, the Board Meeting was held via conference call pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8.

MINUTES: Moved by Shelley and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the minutes from December 2, 2020. Approved.

GENERAL RELIEF APPLICATION: Moved by Shelley and seconded by Hoadley to approve the general relief application. Approved.

ENGINEER SHARED AGREEMENT: Union County's Engineer position has not been filled, so Engineer Kauffman had been asked by a Union County Supervisor to extend the shared engineer agreement another 90 days. Engineer Kauffman stated that he would agree to another 90 days, but after this period he would not want to extend the agreement without negotiating new terms. The Board agreed with Engineer Kauffman and stated they would leave the decision up to Kauffman on whether he would extend any further help after this 90-day period. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Homan to approve the extended Shared Engineer Agreement with Union County not to exceed 90 days. Approved. Kauffman exited at 9:05 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE DISCUSSION: Auditor Berg stated that all newly elected officials must be sworn in by noon on January 2, 2021. With meetings being held electronically, Berg stated it would be easier to have those officials come in separately to be sworn in instead of having everyone attend a Board meeting like in past years.

COVID-19 UPDATES AND DISCUSSION: The Board discussed how budgeting was going to work with the Board meeting electronically due to COVID-19. Starting in January, all Board Members will start attending meetings in person while the public continues to call into the meeting. The Board would like to meet in the courtroom when possible to allow social distancing, but may need to be moved if it is needed for any trials or court meetings.

SHERIFF: Jail Administrator Position – Sheriff Vandewater stated he had two certified officers apply for the jail administrator position. One officer did have the qualifications needed with management experience. Vandewater would like to set the jail administrator's wage higher than a normal jailer/dispatcher and keep the applicant a certified officer. This would allow more flexibility and options in the office by allowing the officer to do transports and fill in a deputy shift if ever needed. Supervisor Wedemeyer stated he believed that Vandewater needs to what he thinks is best. Moved by Twombly and seconded by Hoadley to approve allowing Sheriff Vandewater to set a higher wage for the jail administrator position. Approved. Supervisor Shelley wondered how it would affect his budget and stated they would have to look at his budgets moving forward to make sure all things work out. Supervisor Hoadley stated she thought it was important to keep the Sheriff's department running smoothly.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Homan to adjourn at 9:21 a.m.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ John Twombly, Chairman

ATTEST: _____ Mandy Berg, Auditor